

## United States Environmental Protection Agency Organizational Assessment of Performance

1. Organization: Region 8 2. Fiscal Year: 2012

## 3 Key Events/Issues/Challenges & Management Actions

- ▶ Taking Action on Climate Change & Improving Air Quality: Collaborated with BLM in Uintah Basin to ensure Federal O&G decisions do not cause/contribute to exceeding of the ozone NAAQS & still allowing for natural gas development of 3,000 new wells• Completed 17 SIPs, 11 from the backlog• Finalized 5 Regional Haze SIPs for approval/partial disapproval• Finalized FIP & approval of one smoke management SIP
- ▶ Protecting America's Waters: Collaborated with two WY communities to meet WQS, which were both impaired water bodies since 1993• Proposed Area UIC Class II injection well permit to authorize continued operation of approx. 450 EPA regulated injection wells, for enhanced recovery of oil on the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation• Approved Ute Mountain Ute Tribe WQS• Assisted two Tribal drinking water systems in upgrading out of compliance or nearly out of compliance systems to new surface water systems in compliance with SDWA; the systems now serve approx. 3,000 people on the Fort Peck Reservation & appox. 7,000 people on the Blackfeet reservation
- ▶ Cleaning Up Communities & Advancing Sustainable Development: Listed first Federal Facility NPL listing in the region in nearly 20 years, a VA dry cleaning facility PCE plume with drinking water & potential vapor intrusion impacts Conducted targeted Brownfields Assessments at *9 properties* on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation Completed remedial action at OU1 of the Libby Asbestos Superfund site Utilized Brownfields assessments, cleanups, & award of *38 grants* totaling \$105M to make 258 acres ready for reuse & leveraged \$108M in land redevelopment projects Approved Blackfeet Tribe's Application for TAS for the WQS & 401 Certification Programs Closed, cleaned up, or upgraded 9 open dumps in Indian Country Approved the first national Part 70 air permitting program for the South Ute Tribe Expanded FIFRA coverage to one new reservation; 8 credentialed tribal inspectors conducted inspections on 17 reservations
- ▶ Enforce Environmental Laws: Initiated 1,430+ inspections• Settled 8 judicial cases• Settlement will WY requiring approx. \$105M of pollution controls & reduction of particulate matter by 100s of tons per year• Entered consent decree with meat packing plant for CAA violations & release of anhydrous ammonia; penalty of \$206k & requirement to improve equipment• Reached agreement with 4 PRPs at the Gilt Edge Mine Superfund Site; past & estimated future response costs of \$100M• Entered consent decree for national stormwater case; violations at 7 CO facilities resulted in required compliance at 80 facilities, \$740k civil penalty, 24.39-acre former mining site easements, and \$10k for environmental training• Settled case for violation of Class II injection above permit levels in the boundary of the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation; civil penalty of \$102k• Groundwater contamination administrative order for contamination on the Fort Peck Reservation; fines of \$320k• Completed \$543M Certified Cost Packages & 171 Unreconciled Cost Packages (\$385M) for use in litigation, negotiations, oversight/demand billings, & cost recovery decisions/close outs• Resource challenge: 33% of attorneys pulled from cases to work on Pavilion FOIA for 3-4 mo.& 4 unfilled attorney positions at end of year

	4 Performance Reporting > 4a Key Performance Indicators (KPI):			
	NPM*	Overall status:	Explanation of performance results	
	OAR	1 / 2 On Target	11 SIPS removed from backlog, surpassing target of 8 + 5 additional non-backlogged SIPS	
	OCSPP	1 / 1 On Target	Over 12,500 Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent reduced, conserved, or offset	
	OSWER	5 / 6 On Target <sup>o</sup>	23 SF-lead removals; 7 PRP removals; 18 Brownfields cleanups; 2 SF sites & 2 RCRA facilities with human exposures under control; National LUST cleanup total not met	
	OW	4 / 5 On Target	150 TMDLs approved; 314 waterbodies meeting WQS; 98% "person months" & 87% of population in Indian Country served by drinking water systems that meet health standards	

<sup>\*</sup>No OECA KPI regional targets set.

- 4b Accomplishments that support FY 2012 Cross-Cutting Fundamental Strategy Action Plans:
- ► Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism: Collaborated with Federal/local partners to provide \$16M total (\$262.5k EPA) to support projects to enhance wetlands and riverfront and improve river access, water quality, backwater, and environmental education for South Platte River neighborhoods (71.5% residents living in poverty & 92% non-White)
- ► Working for EJ & Children's Health: Completed restoration plan for Westerly Creek to improve riparian function and provide disadvantaged community access to resource Demolished & disposed of 90+ asbestos contaminated structures & lead-based paint that presented a threat to Pine Ridge Reservation residents & children Developed Sensible Steps to Healthier School Environments booklets for use national; 11k booklets printed for distribution
- ▶ Advancing Science, Research, & Tech Innovation: Provided lab support for ORD's national hydro-fracking study
- ▶ Strengthening State & Tribal Partnerships: Completed first UIC Class II Tribal QAPP in the country, in collaboration

## 5. Efficiencies, Cost-Savings, and Administrative Accomplishments

Implemented regional Paper Reduction Program, resulting in 25%+ reduction in paper usage• Expeditiously awarded grants at 80.3%, the highest success rate in all of EPA• Instituted & streamlined state/EPA Midyear & PPA process